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Consolidated report on the work of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council in 2005

1. The purpose of this conference room paper is to provide supplementary information to the consolidated report of the Secretary-General on the work of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council in 2005.

2. The consolidated report provides an overview of the work of the functional commissions, identifying the main focus of their work programmes, priority topics and main outcomes, as well as major system-wide events and thematic linkages and complementarities among their activities on the basis of the outcomes of the commissions' sessions.

A. Contributions of the functional commissions towards the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration

Table 1 - Highlights of the contributions of the functional commissions to the September Summit

Functional Commissions, 2005 session	Highlights of the contributions of the functional commissions to the September Summit
Commission for Social Development, 43rd session	Recognition that the Copenhagen Declaration and the Millennium Declaration are mutually reinforcing, that Copenhagen's three core issues (poverty eradication, employment creation and social integration) remain central to the national and international development agenda, and that issues of employment and social integration should be injected into the Millennium Development Goals to broaden the concept of poverty eradication.
Commission on Status of Women, 49th session	Recognition that the full and effective implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action is essential to achieving the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration, and that a gender perspective should be integrated in the preparations for and the work of the High-Level Plenary meeting on the review of the Millennium

	Declaration.
Commission on Population and Development, 38th session	Recognition that the full implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action and the key actions for its further implementation (adopted at the twenty-first special session of the General Assembly) is essential to the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration, and that the goal of universal access to reproductive health should be integrated into strategies to attain the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration.
Commission on Sustainable Development, 13th session	Recognition that the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation (JPOI) goals and the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration, are complementary, that an integrated approach is necessary, and that the achievement of water, sanitation and human settlements goals are critical to the implementation of the three pillars of sustainable development and the achievement of all the internationally agreed development goals.
Commission on Narcotic Drugs, 48th session	Recognition that alternative development should be regarded by the international community not only as a means of reducing illicit drug supply, but also as a means of consolidating sustainable development and as a part of the strategy against poverty to fulfill the commitments of the United Nations Millennium Declaration, and that Member States and international development institutions should take into consideration the negative impact of illicit drug crop cultivation on development efforts, social and political stability and the security situation and therefore integrate drug issues into their work, thereby making alternative development a cross-cutting issue.
Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, 4th session	Recognition that some Millennium Development Goals processes may lead to accelerated loss of indigenous lands and natural resources, and that States, the United Nations and other intergovernmental organizations should ensure that indigenous peoples participate in designing, implementing and monitoring MDGs achievement and poverty reduction strategies.
Commission on Science and Technology for Development, 8th session	Recognition that many developing countries are not likely to meet the MDG goals without concerted efforts to place science and technology at the centre of national development agenda, and that effective harnessing of existing and emerging technologies, could serve to reduce the costs of and increase the likelihood of achieving those goals.
Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, 14th session	Recognition of the importance of exchanging expertise and views on how to best deal with the new challenges posed by all forms of crime, especially in view of their interconnected nature and their serious impact on security, stability and development, as highlighted in the report of the Secretary-General entitled "In larger Freedom: towards development security and human rights for all" .
United Nations Forum on Forests, 5th session	Recognition that forests and trees play a critical role in supporting the livelihoods of people, particularly the world's poor and in ensuring environmental sustainability, and acknowledgement of the need to consider forest issues in the review of the Millennium Declaration.

Table 2 - Functional commissions who have worked around common conference themes

Common Themes	International Conferences and Summits	Functional Commission
Eradicating poverty, hunger and malnutrition	ICN (1992), WSSD (1995), WFS (1996), FWCW(1995), WSC (1990)	CHR, CPD, CSD CSocD, CSW
Providing education and literacy	WSC (1990), EfA (1990), UNCED (1992), ICPD (1994) FWCW (1995), WSSD (1995), WEF (2000)	CHR, CPD, CSD CSocD, CSW
Providing health services, preventing disease and reducing mortality	EfA (1990), WSC (1990), WCHR (1993), ICPD (1994), WSSD (1995), FWCW (1995), WFS (1996), WSSD (2002)	CSD, CHR, CPD
Promoting employment to reduce poverty	ICPD (1994), WSSD (1995), FWCW (1995), World Youth Conference (1998), FFD (2002)	CSD, CSocD, CSW
Promoting gender equality and empowering women	WSC (1990), WCHR (1993), ICPD (1994), FWCW (1994), WSSD (1995), WAA (2002)	CPD, CSocD, CSW, Statistics
Achieving social integration and addressing the vulnerabilities of social groups	WSC (1990), WCHR (1993), FWCW (1994), WSSD (1995), HABITAT II, (1996), World Youth Conference (1998), WAA (2002), WCAR (2001), WSSD (2002)	CHR, CSocD CSW, UNFII
Ensuring environmental sustainability and managing the natural resource base for development	UNCED (1992), HABITAT II (1996), WDNDR (1994), SIDS-Barbados (1994), WSSD (2002), WCDR (2005), SIDS-Mauritius (2005)	CSD, CSTD UNFF, Statistics
Promoting democracy, good governance, and human rights	WCHR (1993), WAA (2002), World Youth Conference (1998), WCAR (2001), FFD (2002), WSSD (2002)	CCPCJ, CHR, CND CSD, CSocD
Addressing challenges of countries with special needs	LDC III (2001), WSSD, (2002), SIDS-Barbados, (1994), LLDCs-Almaty, (2003), SIDS-Mauritius (2005)	CSD
Promoting science and technology for development	UNCED (1992), FWCW 1995), SIDS-Barbados, (1994), WSSD (1995), FFD (2002), WSSD (2002), WSIS (2003), SIDS-Mauritius (2005), WCDR (2005)	CSD, CSocD, CSTD
Making macroeconomic policies work for sustained economic growth	UNCED (1992), WSSD (1995), FFD (2002), WSSD (2002)	CSD, CSocD CSW
Strengthening global partnership for development	WSSD (1995), UNCED (1995), FWCW (1995), FFD (2002), WSSD (2002), WSIS (2003)	CPD, CSD CSocD, CSTD, CSW
Role of the private sector and civil society	UNCED (1992), WSSD (1995), FWCW (1995), FFD (20020), WSSD (2002), WSIS (2002)	CPD, CSD, CSocD CSTD, CSW

EFA – World Conference on Education for All, Jomtien, Thailand 1990
FFD – International Conference on Financing for Development, Monterrey, Mexico 2002
FWCW – Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, China 1995
HABITAT II – Second Conference on Human Settlements, Istanbul, Turkey 1996
ICN – International Conference on Nutrition, Rome, Italy 1992
ICPD – International Conference on Population and Development, Cairo, Egypt 1994
LDC III – Third UN Conference on the Least Developing Countries, Brussels, Belgium 2001
LLDCs-Almaty – Fourth Annual Ministerial Conference of LLDCs, Almaty, Kazakhstan 2003
SIDS-Barbados – Global Conference on Small Island Development States, Bridgetown, Barbados 1994
SIDS-Mauritius – International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small

Island Development States, Port Louis, Mauritius, 2005
UNCED – United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil 1992
WCHR – World Conference on Human Rights, Vienna, Austria 1993
WAA – Second World Assembly on Ageing, Madrid, Spain 2002
WCAR – World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, Durban, South Africa 2001
WCHR – World Conference on Human Rights, Vienna, Austria 1993
WCNDR – World Conference on Natural Disaster Reduction, Yokohama, Japan 1994
WCDR – World Conference on Disaster Reduction, Kobe, Japan 2005
WEF – World Education Forum, Dakar, Senegal 2000
WFS – World Food Summit, Rome, Italy 1996
World Youth Conference – World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth, Lisbon, Portugal 1998
WSC – World Summit for Children, New York, USA 1990
WSIS – World Summit on Information Society, Geneva, Switzerland 2003
WSSD – World Summit on Social Development, Copenhagen, Denmark 1995
WSSD – World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa 2000

B. Developments regarding the multi-year work programmes of the functional commissions

3. During the period from 2001 to 2005, most functional commissions continued to implement their existing multi-year programmes of work, many of which are in place up to 2006, and in some instances, 2008 and 2017. In adopting their work programme, the functional commissions have continued, to some extend, to take into consideration the work programmes of other commissions as well as upcoming major events and processes. For example, in formulating their current multi-year programme of work, most commissions took into consideration the theme of the high-level and coordination segments of ECOSOC and the September Summit in 2005. For analytical purposed of the present consolidated report, the below table covers the period from 2001 to 2005. MYWPs of the functional commission are covered in greater detail in the report of the Secretary-General E/2005/61.

Table 3 - Work programmes of the functional commissions, 2001 –2005

	2001	*2002*	*2003*	*2004*	*2005*
Major UN Events	• Five year review of Habitat II (GASS, June) • General Assembly Special Session on HIV/AIDS • Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries • High-level intergovernmental event on	• World Summit on Sustainable Development (Johannesburg, South Africa) • International Conference on Financing for Development (Monterrey, Mexico) • Ten year review of the UN Conference on Environment and Development	• Fourth Annual Ministerial Conference of LLDCs (Almaty, Kazakhstan) • World Summit on the Information Society, Geneva, Switzerland • Ten year Anniversary of the World Conference on Human Rights • Ministerial meeting on	• Ten year review of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of SIDS • Second quinquennial review of the International Conference on Population and Development • UNCTAD XI • Tenth Anniversary of the	• High-level review of Millennium Summit • High-level dialogue on Financing for Development • Ten year review of the World Summit for Social Development • Ten year review of the Fourth World Conference on

	financing for development • World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance • Second high-level dialogue of the GA on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership	• Second World Assembly on Aging (Spain) • Review by the General Assembly of the UN Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 90s (UNNADAF) • Ten-year review of the World Summit for Children (GASS, September)	transit transport issues	International Year of the Family: ways to observe it to be determined	Women • Fifteen year anniversary of Education for All Conference • International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Development States (Mauritius) • World Conference on Disaster Reduction (Kobe, Japan) • Eleventh UN Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders • High-Level Meeting on HIV/AIDS
Commission for Social Development	• Enhancing social protection and reducing vulnerability in a globalizing world; Role of volunteerism in promoting social development	• Integration of social and economic policy: Social aspects of macro-economic policies • Social assessment as a policy tool; Expenditures in the social sector as a productive factor	• National and international cooperation for social development: Sharing of experiences and practices in social development; Forging partnerships for social development; Social responsibility of the private sector; impact of employment strategies on social development • Policies and role of	• Improving public sector effectiveness	• Review of further implementation of the outcome of the Social Summit and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly

			international financial institutions and their effect on national social development strategies		
Commission on Population and Development	• Population, environment and development	• Reproductive rights and reproductive health, with special reference to HIV/AIDS	• Population, education and development	• Second quinquennial review and appraisal of the implications of the ICPD Programme of Action	• Population, development, and HIV/AIDS with particular emphasis on poverty; • The contribution of the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, in all its aspects, to the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration
Commission on the Status of Women	• Women, the girl child and HIV/AIDS • Gender and all forms of discrimination, in particular issues related to racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance	• Eradicating poverty, including through the empowerment of women throughout their life cycle in a globalizing world • Environmental management and mitigation of natural disasters: a gender perspective	• Participation and access of women to the media, and information and communication technologies and their impact on and use as an instrument for the advancement and empowerment of women • Women's human rights, and elimination of all forms of violence against	• The role of men and boys in achieving gender equality • Women's equal participation in conflict prevention, management and conflict resolution, and in post-conflict peace-building	• Review of the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action and the outcome document of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly

			women and girls as defined in the Beijing Platform for Action and the outcome document of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly		
Commission on Sustainable Development	• *Sectoral*: - Atmosphere, energy • *Cross-sectoral*: - Information for decision-making and participation - International cooperation for an enabling environment • *Economic sector/major group*: - Energy, transport	• Comprehensive review of Agenda 21	• Elaboration of the future work programme, organization and methods of work of the Commission	• Water • Sanitation • Human settlements (review session)	• Water • Sanitation • Human Settlements • Cross cutting issues: Poverty eradication; changing unsustainable patterns of consumption and production; protecting and managing the natural resource base of economic and social development; sustainable development in a globalizing world; health and sustainable development; sustainable development of small island developing States; sustainable development for Africa; other regional initiatives; means of implementation; institutional framework for sustainable development; gender equality; and education
Commission on Crime Prevention	• Progress made in global action against	• Reform of the criminal justice system:	• Trafficking in human beings, especially	• The rule of law and development:	• Consideration of the conclusions and

and Criminal Justice	corruption	achieving effectiveness and equity	women and children	contributions to the development of operational activities in crime prevention and criminal justice • Senior-level discussion on progress made with regard to the criminal justice aspect of terrorism and international cooperation and to the universal conventions and protocols related to terrorism	recommendations of the eleventh UN Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice • Follow-up to the action plans for implementation of the Vienna Declaration on Crime and Justice: Meeting the Challenges of the 21. Century
Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice	• Progress made in global action against corruption	• Reform of the criminal justice system: achieving effectiveness and equity	• Trafficking in human beings, especially women and children	• The rule of law and development: contributions to the development of operational activities in crime prevention and criminal justice • Senior-level discussion on progress made with regard to the criminal justice aspect of terrorism and international cooperation and to the universal conventions and protocols related to terrorism	• Consideration of the conclusions and recommendations of the eleventh UN Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice • Follow-up to the action plans for implementation of the Vienna Declaration on Crime and Justice: Meeting the Challenges of the 21. Century
Commission on Science and Technology for Development	• National capacity-building in biotechnology with particular attention to agriculture and	• Dissemination of information on science and technology through the Science and Technology for	• Technology development and capacity-building for competitiveness in a digital society	• Promoting the application of science and technology to meet the Millennium Development	• Promoting the application of science and technology to meet the Millennium Development

	the agro-industry, health and the environment	Development network (STDEV) • Follow-up to its previous theme on national capacity-building in biotechnology • Follow-up to ECOSOC resolutions Technology development and capacity-building for competitiveness in a digital society • Panel I: Indicators of technology development: ICT Development Indices • Panel II: Linking foreign direct investment (FDI), technology development for capacity-building and strategic competitiveness: Investment and Technology Policies for Competitiveness : Review of successful country experiences	• Panel III: Enhancing strategic competitiveness in information and communication technologies (ICTs) • Promoting the application of science and technology to meet the Millennium Development Goals • Follow-up to ECOSOC resolutions • Follow-up to the theme on technology development and capacity-building for competitiveness in a digital society • Benchmarking ICTs • Updating of the publication: Knowledge Societies: Information Technology for Sustainable Development	Goals Issues to be addressed under this theme include: Improving the policy environment for the application of science and technology to development by identifying potential risks and benefits of new and emerging technologies; • Strengthening basic and applied research in developing countries and international scientific networking; • Strengthening technology support institutions and science advisory mechanisms; building human capacity; and • Promoting universal Internet access and building strategic partnerships in the field of science and technology	Goals
Commission on Human Rights	• Tolerance and respect	No special debate was held	No special debate was held	No special debate was held	No special debate was held
United Nations Forum on Forests		• Combating deforestation and forest degradation • Forest conservation and protection of	• Economic aspects of forests • Forest health and productivity	• Traditional forest-related knowledge • Forest-related scientific knowledge	• Review of progress and consideration of future actions on the basis of the assessment referred to in

		unique types of forests and fragile ecosystems • Rehabilitation and conservation strategies for countries with low forest cover • Rehabilitation and restoration of degraded lands • Promotion of natural and planted forests • Concepts, terminology and definitions	• Maintaining forest cover to meet present and future needs	• Social and cultural aspects of forests • Monitoring assessment and reporting, concepts and terminology and definitions • Criteria and indicators of sustainable forest management	paragraph 2 (e) of Council resolution 2000/35; consider, with a view to recommending to the Council and through it to the General Assembly, the parameters of a mandate for developing a legal framework on all types of forests • Review the effectiveness of the international arrangement on forests
United Nations Forum on Forests		• Combating deforestation and forest degradation • Forest conservation and protection of unique types of forests and fragile ecosystems • Rehabilitation and conservation strategies for countries with low forest cover • Rehabilitation and restoration of degraded lands • Promotion of natural and planted forests • Concepts, terminology and definitions	• Economic aspects of forests • Forest health and productivity • Maintaining forest cover to meet present and future needs	• Traditional forest-related knowledge • Forest-related scientific knowledge • Social and cultural aspects of forests • Monitoring assessment and reporting, concepts and terminology and definitions • Criteria and indicators of sustainable forest management	• Review of progress and consideration of future actions on the basis of the assessment referred to in paragraph 2 (e) of Council resolution 2000/35; consider, with a view to recommending to the Council and through it to the General Assembly, the parameters of a mandate for developing a legal framework on all types of forests • Review the effectiveness of the international arrangement on forests